

True Newes from
I R E L A N D.
Or the state of
D U B L I N.

*As it stood the 27 of December, and
of other parts of I R E L A N D.*

Being the Copy of a Letter sent from a good hand,
to an Alderman of this City.

Shewing that they attempt the blocking up of *Dublin*,
and to that end are building two Sconces, at the
Havens Mouth, out of the command of the
Castle, upon which they have moun-
ted 12 pieces of Ordnance.

By reading which, you shall find the Vanity and
falshood of those foolish Pamphlets; in-
vented and published of late.

With a strange and unheard of flocking together of
severall kinds of Birds over the City of *Dublin*,
on Christmas Eve Last.



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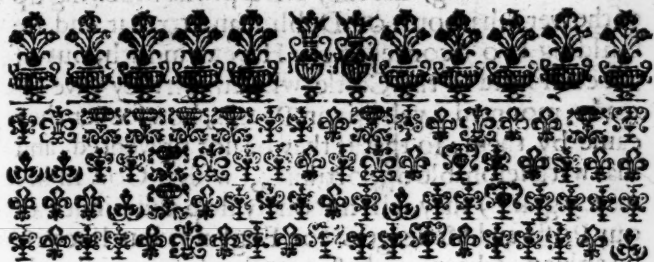
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BY



The Copy of a Letter sent from Dublin, Decemb.
27 1641. by *Tristram Witcome*, a Factor there
for a worthy Alderman of this City, declaring
in what state the City there stands, with the
strange and sudden departure of two Aldermen
from thence, and the strange sight on *Christmas*
Eve.

SIR,

OUR miseries are great, our feates more, if spec-
dy reliefe doe not suddenly arrive, hunger will
certainely be more plentifull with us then bread; for
the Rebels who daily increase have blocked up all
passage two wayes into the City, so that Southward
from Dongarvil, and Northeast from Clannoroe, no
provision of victuall can come at us; neither can the
present Garrison here be spared to cleare those parts.
It stands farre worse with this City (God knowes.)
then the world with you will beleieve, otherwise they
would not be so slow of their succours, as to our
woes we find they are. For the Rebels grow strong, &

withall so daring, that they attempt the blocking up of the very harbour of Dublin, and to that end are building two Sconces at the Havens mouth, out of the command of the Castle, whereupon they gave already mounted twelve Iron Peeeces, howsoever they came by them: so that if they be not prevented, and that with reasonable opportunity, (which God in his mercy grant) they will not onely stop and hinder all our Posts and Messengers for England, but likewise be able to debarre and affront what succours should come from thence to us.

The English not without just ground are in exceeding great jealousie and suspicion of the Irish inhabitants of the City, who although they make us faire countenance, as whose visage and habits sort with ours, yet their hearts and good wishes it is to be feared are with the Rebels. Apparences are good proofs. Upon the Eve of Saint Thomas Decemb. 20. two of the Aldermen of Dublin, Mr. *Dominick Roch* and Mr. *Patrick Coppingar* fled out of Dublin, with their wives children, and whole families, whither, God knows, but surely all is not well, their houses being observed to stand shut up for the space of two dayes together, without ingresse or egress of any, either master, servant, or neighbour, notice being thereof taken, at last report being thereof made unto the two Iustices, it was thought fit by them to send officers and souldiers who upon command to open, and none answering, forced the doores, but being entred found nothing within considerable, in respect of their estates and qualities, which giveth great cause of jealousie unto the said Iustices, and to all loyall English, that these

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Aldermen are not onely fled and stolne away to the Rebels, but further have discovered whatsoever may be advantagious unto them, as touching the state of the said City: as likewise of carrying a heedfull and watchfull eye over the rest: for it is greatly to be suspected that the Rebels have more intelligence in this City, then stands for our profit, seeing that they make daily approaches towards us, sometimes in lesser bodies, sometimes in greater; sometime on horse backe, sometime onely with their foot; now staying longer, now retiring sooner, now drawing nearer the City, now retiring farther off, as they that looked for some signe or token of advantage to be shewed out of the City: and which increaseth our feares the more, is that the two great Rebels, that have the command of these rebellious troopes that now are nearest the City, are *Maick Odonnell*, and *Charles Maack Carr*, who have but two great alliances, kindred, cousin german, friends, foster fathers or foster mothers, or foster Brethren in this City.

I am heartily sory of what you writ mee the last weeke, that the King and the Parliament disagreed about the pressing of men for Ireland: for I am much afraid that if the Parliament will have no men to be pressed for that service, but what come hither to come voluntary, I am afraid that our helpe will come too late, if any come at all. Although it be true that there hath beene divers skirmishes in the Country, wherein (God be praised) our people have had the better, yet we have lost men likewise, and some brave and worthy Commanders: and although wee bee weakned through victory, yet weakned wee are by reason that

we have no supply, and are but few in respect of the enemy, and their number daily increase.



A Strange and wonderfull thing by Fowles,

A Most strange and unwonted accident happned in Dublin on Christmas Eve, as ever was heard of the Crows, Ravens, and Sea Gulls, about foure of the clocke in the afternoone, being duske, assembled in such a numerous manner, hovering, pewling and croaking in such a strange unheard of wise over the City, that it amazed and affrighted all the inhabitants: especially they continuing without departing in this sort, untill six of the said evening: a strange time of night for such Fowle to be abroad at, at such a time of the yeare. And which is more strange, that could not be frighted nor scared away with all the reports of Muskets, and some great Peeeces out of the Castle that were shot off for that purpose. What this strange accident meanes or portends is not for me to divine: but surely by the knowledge of the oldest men in Dublin, either England or Irish, never the like was seene.

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Concerning other matter of trade, it behooveth rather to thinke of cal'ing in, if we can, then of sending any thing else over. Which if I can any reasonable way accomplish, you shall by Gods permission shortly see me in London :till then, desiring you and all our friends to implore the assistance of Heaven for us here, I rest,

Your Servant,

T. W,

FINIS.



Concerning other matters of trade, it behooves
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 for us here, I rest,

